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**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 10/16/2003

**To:** Counterterrorism  
Riyadh

**Attn:** ITOS 1/CONUS 1/TEAM 2  
SSA [REDACTED]  
**Attn:** LEGAT Riyadh

**From:** Phoenix  
Squad 16  
**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

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**Case ID #:** (U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ 315N-PX-67027 (Pending)

**Title:** (U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ HAMDAN GHAREEB AL-SHALAWI;  
IT-UBL/AL QAEDA

**Synopsis:** (U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ Set lead for LEGAT Riyadh and Counterterrorism  
Division (CTD).

(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ ~~Derived From~~ : G-3  
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**Details:** (U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ The purpose of this communication is to set a lead  
for LEGAT Riyadh to obtain the names of individuals who applied for  
VISAs to travel to the United States from 07/25/2001 to 08/15/2001.

(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ [REDACTED]  
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(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ [REDACTED]

(U) ~~(S/NF/OC)~~ Investigation of the 09/11/2001 terrorist  
attack revealed that the hijackers arrived in small groups within a

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few days of each other. Further investigation during PENTTBOM indicated that 09/11/2001 hijacker Mohammed Atta was at the Orlando International Airport to pick-up Al-Qahtani.

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(U) ~~(S)~~/NF/OC Investigation by Phoenix has connected Al-Shalawi to a number of Al Qaeda subjects, including: Ghassan Al-Sharbi, who was arrested with Senior Al Qaeda leader Abu Zabaydah in Pakistan in 03/2002; [REDACTED]

09/11/01 hijacker/pilot Hani Hanjour: Hamed

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[redacted] the direction of Al Qaeda. The 09/11/2001 investigation revealed that the hijackers arrived in the United States in small groups. Thus, it is possible that [redacted]

[redacted] and that there may be unidentified subjects who were also part [redacted] and who, based on the 09/11/2001 hijacker pattern, would have applied for a United States VISA in the same timeframe [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~/NF/OC) Phoenix requests that LEGAT Riyadh query all VISA applicants for the dates 07/25/2001 to 08/15/2001 to obtain a list of all such applicants and provide this list to CTD. Phoenix further requests this list be reviewed by CTD, and then distributed to all Field Offices in an attempt to identify any individuals who have applied for a VISA during the same time frame [redacted] [redacted] who may be in the United States and/or the subject of an FBI investigation.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

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AT FBIHQ, DC

(U) ~~(S)~~ If the list of VISA applicants as requested is available, Phoenix requests this list be checked by appropriate intelligence agencies and then disseminated to FBI field offices in an attempt to identify any other operatives that were part of an organized group traveling to the United States for operational purposes.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

(U) ~~(S)~~ Attempt to obtain the names and identifying information of all United States VISA applicants for the time period 07/25/2001 to 08/15/2001. Upon obtaining, provide list to FBIHQ for further analysis. If this task has already been performed, please advise Phoenix Division.

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